



# End of the Year *Recap!*

## Cheers to 2025 as we look forward to the New Year!

As the year draws to a close, we take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements and milestones of our local home building association, the IABA.

This year has been marked by growth, collaboration, and the unwavering dedication to our community.

Each accomplishment is a testament to the power of working together and the spirit of excellence that defines our association.

Our commitment to supporting and strengthening our local community has remained at the forefront of everything we do. We are proud of the positive impact we have made and look forward to expanding these efforts in the coming year.

This year, we forged new partnerships with the local schools and deepened existing ones with local businesses and civic organizations. These collaborations have enabled us to deliver valuable resources and opportunities.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, whose generous support has made our programs and events possible. Their commitment to our mission has allowed us to reach new heights and continue providing services, events and opportunities to our members and community. Thank you for believing in our vision and investing in the future of home building.

Most importantly, we thank our dedicated members. Your passion, professionalism, and active participation are the foundation of our association. Whether you contributed time, expertise, or resources, your involvement has shaped our success and ensured our continued relevance. We are honored to serve such a vibrant and engaged membership.

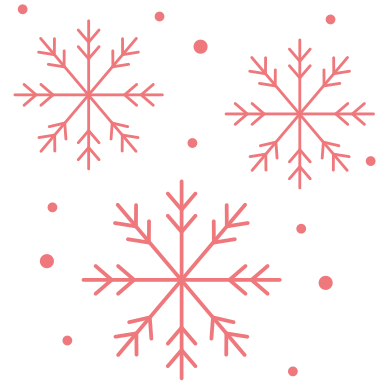
As we prepare for another year, let us carry forward the momentum we have built and continue striving for excellence.

With the support of our community, partners, sponsors, members, and dedicated Board, we are confident that we will achieve even greater things in the future.

Thank you, once again, for being part of our association and for making this year truly memorable.

*FELICIA MUSICK*

Executive officer, IABA



### *Year in Review:*

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Community Outreach

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Community Donations

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Partnerships

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IABA Annual Awards

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2026 Installation

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The IABA Board

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## Parade of Homes Dog House Edition!

### Community Outreach

Workforce development and community outreach was a focus for the association in 2025.

We reached out to potential sponsors, and school shop classes to promote an event that would embrace our core values. With the help of sponsors we were able to bring in \$15,000 in materials and monetary awards to the schools.

We had three high schools participate in the event this year- Hutchison High School, Lathrop High School and North Pole High School. Between all of the schools we had 11 dog houses built and showcased at the IABA Home Show.

A large portion of the materials were donated by Spenard Builders Supply and delivered to the schools. Additional materials were donated by Rivers Wood Products, Intella Homes, Seamless Supply and Sherwin Williams. The only requirement was that the dog houses were no bigger than 3'x5' in size.

IABA Builder Members went to the schools to talk about their experience as a builder and to promote the trades.

Mt. McKinley Bank sponsored a prize of \$1500 to the shop class that drew in the most money, this award went to North Pole High School. The People's Choice Award was sponsored by AIH and awarded to Hutchison High School for having the most votes from Home Show attendees. We had about 4500 people attend the Home Show.

Ventilation Solutions sponsored much of the marketing materials and the door prizes for those participating in the event.

We could not have done this event without the sponsors and the work of IABA President Brannon Richart who coordinated much of the logistics to make this event a success.

Thank you for giving back to the community. We are planning the next Parade of Dog Houses for 2026!



North Pole High School  
Winner of Mt. McKinley prize of \$1500



Hutchison High School  
Winner of AIH People's Choice Award



# IABA COMMUNITY DONATIONS

2025



## Santa's Helpers Toy Drive

IABA Members donated gifts for Santa's Helpers to be delivered to families in the community



## Chena Tool Library

We raised funds at our annual cornhole tournament for the Chena Tool Library



## The Door Youth Shelter

We raised funds at our annual ALASKA BUILT. Golf Tournament for The Door Youth Shelter

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## IABA PARTNERSHIPS 2025

We partnered with local experts to bring value and professional development to our members.

### Lunch & Learn Presentations 2025

- “Current Developments & Happenings at the Building Department”
  - Presenter: Christoph Falke, Building Official
- “What Was That Appraiser Thinking?!”
  - Presenter: Zak Penwell, Precision Valuation
- “Contracts, Claims & Cover-Your-Assets: A Legal Toolbox For Builders.”
  - Presenter: Jessica Malen, Cold Peak Legal, PLLC

IABA will be offering Lunch & Learns as well as other educational opportunities to our members in 2026.

To stay up to date on events check out our newly designed website [interioraba.com](http://interioraba.com)



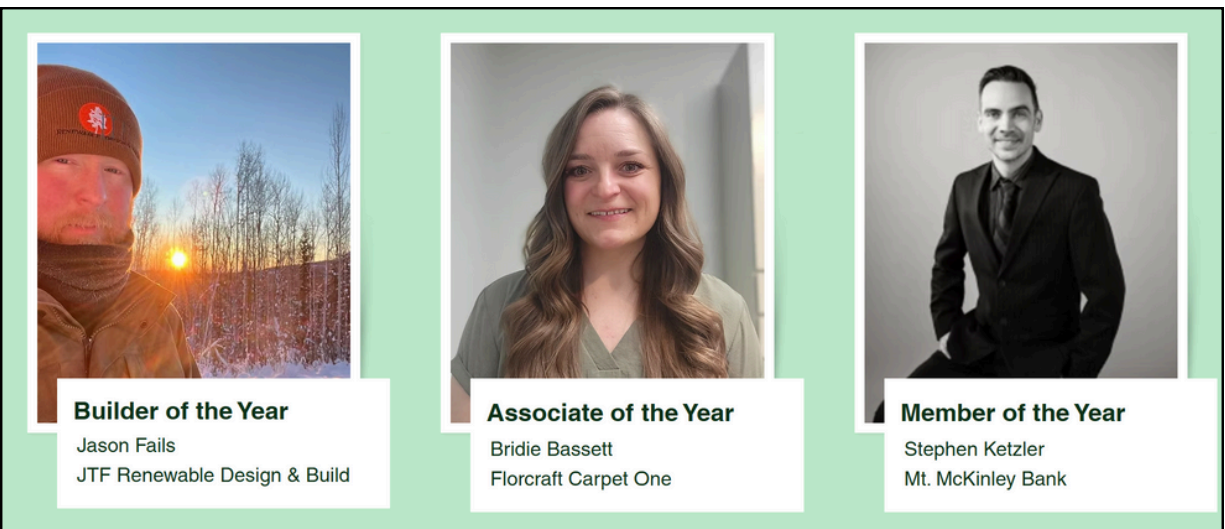


# IABA ANNUAL AWARDS

## 2025

These members are recognized for their outstanding dedication and involvement in the Interior Alaska Building Association for 2025.

Awards were presented at the IABA Holiday Party.





# IABA BOARD INSTALLATION

2026



Installation of the 2026 IABA Board by Aaron Welterlen, ASHBA President



Installation of 2026 IABA President, Jason Fails  
by Aaron Welterlen, ASHBA President



Giving thanks to Past President, Brannon  
Richart.

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The Interior Alaska Building Association's mission is to promote safe, durable and efficient housing by educating consumers and building industry professionals for the benefit of our community.

**2026 IABA Officers**

*President*

Jason Fails, JTF Renewable Design & Build

*Associate Vice President*

Bridie Basset, Florcraft Carpet One

*Treasurer*

Stephen Ketzler, Mt. McKinley Bank

*Past President*

Brannon Richart, Intella Homes



**2026 IABA Directors**

*Board Director*

Jack Boyd, Alaska Industrial Hardware

*Board Director*

Emily Bunch, Denali State Bank

*Board Director*

Dwayn Cooper, Black Spruce Builders

*Board Director*

John Lilley, Lilley Pads, LLC

*Board Director*

Richard Musick, Ventilation Solutions, LLC

*Board Director*

Shannon Simpler, Spenard Builders Supply

*Board Director*

Aaron Welterlen, W.V. Builders

*Life Director*

Terry Duszynski, Duszynski and Associates

*Life Director*

Jack Hebert, Hebert Homes

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